

Minutes

TO: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

FROM: Leon Davidoff, Chairperson

DATE: December 3, 2013

SUBJECT: Community Planning and Physical Services Committee

In Attendance: Leon Davidoff, Clare Kindall, Burke Doar, Ron Van Winkle, John Phillips, Pat Alair, Mark McGovern

The Community Planning and Physical Services Committee met on Monday, December 2, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. Zoning ordinance

The Committee discussed proposed zoning ordinances concerning: expanding the DRAC review process to Town Plan and Zoning Commission applications and site plans; and not allowing zoning proposals on lots that are split by zones. In addition the staff updated the Committee on possible ordinances staff are reviewing concerning: allowing heliports on large lots; rezoning the corner of New Britain Avenue and New Park Avenue from IG to BG; allowing hotels to have liquor licenses and the regulation of marijuana dispensaries and manufacturers.

2. Public Works Update

- **34 Brixton Street purchase**

A $\frac{3}{4}$ acre parcel of land adjacent to the Brixton Street public works yards has been offered to the town for \$25,000 dollars. The site would be of value to the public works operations. A resolution to acquire the property may be considered by the Town Council at a January meeting.

- **Recycling**

John Phillips discussed the Town's recycling program and the changing state regulations to recycle organic material. In addition, DPW is preparing a RFI to seek potential partners for the better utilization of the land, building and permit assets at Brixton Street.

- **Other**

John Phillips discussed Public Works operations including winter snow operations and maintenance garage operations.

3. I-84 ramp project

The Town has receive a design contract from ConnDOT for the improvements discussed previously concerning the I-84 ramps at Park Road. The contract would pay the town for the preparation of plans and the holding of public hearings on the proposal.

4. Park Road parking

The Committee discussed parking on the side streets off the commercial areas of Park Road. Cars often park on the public streets adjacent to the commercial district. The town received an expression of concern about South Highland Street. The town engineers visited the street and believe there is sufficient room for parking and traffic.

5. Town Hall parking

This item was not discussed.

6. CDBG resolution

The staff is proposing to allocate additional CDBG funds to handicap improvements in the parks and at Cornerstone Pool. In addition, \$100,000 is proposed to be reallocated to street paving in eligible areas. The housing rehabilitation program will also be expanded to allow a homeowner to repair two systems in their home. Present guidelines allow that only one system is eligible for funding.

7. Community Services update

Mark McGovern updated the Committee on economic development activity in the community.

C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors
Karen List, Superintendent of Public Schools